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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT BY PLO REPRESENTATIVE ON LEBANESE
SITUATION

1. UAE GOVERNMENT PRESS JULY 9 CARRIED STATEMENT BY LOCAL
PLO REP RIBHI AWWAD STRONGLY ATTACKING LEBANESE RIGHTEST
PARTIES. ALLEGEDLY DRAWING ON INFORMATION RECENTLY
RECEIVED FROM PLO HEADQUARTERS IN LEBANON, AWWAD ASSERTED
THAT FALANGIST-CHAMOUNIST "LEBANESE FRONT" IS "WORKING ON
INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ZIONIST ENEMY" TO PROVOKE THE LEBANESE
NATIONALISTS AND THE PALESTINIAN GROUPS INTO A NEW ROUND
OF HEAVY FIGHTING THAT WOULD BE USED BY ISRAEL "OR SOME
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OTHER FOREIGN POWER" TO JUSTIFY ITS MILITARY RE-INTERVENTION
IN LEBANON.

2. AWWAD FURTHER CLAIMED THAT "THESE MALICIOUS MOVES ON PART
BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS, INITIATED IN THE NORTH AND
NOW MOVING THROUGH THE BISQAA TO EMBRACE ALL NATIONAL MOVE-
MENTS, SECTS, AND LEADERS." AN EXAMPLE OF THIS, SAID AWWAD,

IS FRANJIEH-KARAMI DIALOGUE. AWWAD ALSO ASSERTED THAT "COLLECTIVE RESIGNATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS" OF MEMBERS FROM FALANGIST AND NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTIES AFTER IHDEN MASSACRE DEMONSTRATED REAL OPINION OF CHRISTIANS TOWARD THEIR PURPORTED REPRESENTATIVES AS DID MIGRATION TO PARTS OF BEIRUT CONTROLLED BY ARAB PEACEKEEPING TROOPS AND PLO OF REFUGEES FROM NORTH LEBANON "WHERE FALANGIST-CHAMOUNIST ALLIANCE HAS IMPOSED ATMOSPHERE OF TERROR AGAINST CHRISTIAN INHABITANTS."

3. AWWAD CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT WITH AN APPEAL TO ARAB STATES TO "ISOLATE" LEBANESE FRONT.

4. COMMENT: AWWAD MET WITH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID ON JULY 8 "TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS" AS PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN UAE. HE MAY HAVE USED THAT OCCASION TO CONVEY TO ZAYID DIRECTLY THE ABOVE PLO VIEWS ON SITUATION IN LEBANON.
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